

I call on you to
hold an official
public hearing in my
state.

Before the
disastrous 2003
decision to weaken
media ownership
rules (which a
federal court has
now overturned), you
held only one
official public
hearing. Further,
FCC officials met
behind closed doors
71 times with major
broadcasters – but
only five times with
public interest
groups. And to
justify your
actions, you used
deceptive,
industry-sponsored
research data.

The will of Big
Media had been
heeded at the
expense of American
citizens and
democracy itself.
This has to end.
Before you rewrite
the ownership rules,
I demand an official
public FCC hearing
in my state,
impartial and
verifiable research,
and transparent
debates.

It is time to put
the needs of
democracy – a
diverse, skeptical,
independent and
competitive media
system – ahead of
profit-hungry media
giants.